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1. Production at Jenapharm

- a. Production of streptomycin by Jenapharm (VVB Pharma) is planned to start in September 1952. The DDR Ministry of Heavy Industry has enjoined Jenapharm to produce 50 kilograms per month.(1)
- b. Production will be started in an installation in Muehlenstrasse, Jena.
- c. Preparations for this production of streptomycin are now hindered by a shortage of piping for gas and steam leads into the building in Muehlenstrasse.
- d. Jenapharm reported to the relevant Ministries in December, 1951 that neither the streptomycin plant nor the "Institute for Microbiology and Experimental Therapy, Jena, Beuthenberg"(2) could begin work unless the piping were forthcoming. Jenapharm needed

65 tons of pipe NW 200, St 35.29 (sic)  
and 15 tons of pipe NW 100, St 35.29 (sic)

The DDR Ministry of Health is trying to import these, illegally if necessary.

- e. The quality of the cultures now in Jena is not regarded by Jenapharm as altogether suitable for industrial production. The DDR will try to buy better cultures

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2. The present supply situation

Streptomycin is now being imported legally and illegally.

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(1) Comment: Fifty kilograms per month would far exceed the DDR's internal needs, which amount to about 20 kilograms per month.

(2) Comment: It is believed that Professor H. Knoell's Institute for Microbiology has recently moved to Beuthenberg, a suburb of Jena, from a more central location in Jena. 50X1-HUM

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